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CHURCHILL'S ILLNESS CREATES PROBLEM

National Leadership And Supreme Command For Interim Period

WAR CABINET TO ANNOUNCE DECISION

LONDON, December 17.

As Britain waited anxiously to-day for the third bulletin from Mr. Winston Churchill's secret sickroom, the realisation grew in London that for sometime the Premier will have to pass into other hands the task of National Leadership at a vital stage of the war, says Reuter's Special Correspondent.

By a fortunate chance, both for himself and the nation, Mr. Churchill has completed his main task before falling ill. Teheran rounded off in detail the whole strategical plan on which Mr. Churchill has been working for over three years.

It is clear that he cannot hope for weeks to resume anything like the tremendous burden of leadership, which he had hitherto sustained.

One inevitable result of Mr. Churchill's illness will be fresh pressure to persuade him not to undertake arduous, long journeys which he has so enthusiastically carried out in the past. Hitherto, nothing has restrained Mr. Churchill's personal energy and physical activity, but it is clear that he will not be encouraged in future to go to such lengths to satisfy his desire for maximum speed and authority in Inter-Allied discussions.

The climate of the Middle East is far better for Mr. Churchill than the cold and wet of the English winters and the convalescent stage will consequently be greatly helped.

Though the improvement in the Premier's condition reported overnight has greatly heartened the British public, there was a universal look of concern to-day. So long as the Premier is abroad and ill, the question of responsibility for the supreme direction of the British Government must be settled. The War Cabinet may make an announcement regarding the assumption of this responsibility. Last time when Mr. Churchill was ill, no such step was taken, but the recurrence of pneumonia within twelve months must raise the question of the placing of responsibility. In February, he had the political advantage of being in London, and he interviewed the War Cabinet Ministers in his sickroom. —Reuter.

Latest About Churchill's Health

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The following bulletin on Mr. Churchill was issued from 10, Downing Street this afternoon: "There has been no spread in the pneumonia, and the improvement in the Prime Minister's general condition has been maintained." The bulletin was signed by the three doctors attending the Prime Minister, Lord Moran, Brigadier D. Evan Bedford and Lieutenant Colonel R. J. V. Pulvertaft.

The announcement from the Downing Street at 2-45 this afternoon that "there has been no spread in pneumonia and the improvement in the Prime Minister's general condition has been maintained" noticeably relieved general anxiety and produced reaction of at least immediate reassurance. The bulletin was signed by the same three signatories as yesterday—Lord Moran, Mr. Churchill's private physician, and the two distinguished army specialists. So far, Mr. Churchill's astonishing toughness is keeping the danger at bay.—Reuter.

Mrs. Churchill To Be With Premier

LONDON, Dec. 17.

Mrs. Churchill has left the country to be with the Prime Minister during his illness and convalescence, it is officially announced to-night (Friday).—Reuter.

NAZI COMMENTS ON CHURCHILL'S ILLNESS

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The German News Agency to-day quoted "quarters connected with the German Foreign Office" for the following comment on the British Premier's illness:

"The question of a successor for Mr. Churchill has become acute. He should be a man who could fill Mr. Churchill's place—not just as a figurehead, but for special intellectual abilities. First, on the list of candidates is Mr. Anthony Eden. His strongest trump card would be his knowledge of Britain's foreign relations, particularly concerning the United States and Russia". The Agency adds sardonically that Mr. Eden would be a "poor defender of conservative positions".—Reuter.

Halifax Laid Up With 'Flu

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.

The British Ambassador, Lord Halifax, is suffering from influenza and cancelled his appointments for to-day (Friday).—Reuter.

Stuka Dive-Bombers Again

German Counter-Attack On Kiev Salient

MOSCOW, Dec. 17.

German Stuka dive-bombers have to-day surged into new activity in an attempt to crush the Soviet spearheads threatening their vital defence centres of the Dnieper Front. Powerful Luftwaffe formations are taking advantage of the better weather to attack the Red Army forces closing on Smyela and Kirovograd. The latest news from the Kiev salient is satisfactory. German attacks in the past twenty-four hours have been getting nowhere and on the second day in succession, the Red Army has improved its positions.

To-day's German communique reported further Russian attacks in the Kirovograd area and between the Pripet and Beresina.—Reuter.

Soviet Warning To War Criminals

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The Moscow Radio in a special broadcast to the German people to-night (Friday) warned them that "the present trial in Kharkov is merely a prelude to the retribution which will be administered to all German war criminals".

The radio added: "As the Soviet armies sweep forward victoriously, war criminals are found every day in the Re-Occupied areas. All these men will be put on trial. We appeal to the German people to help us to track down men guilty of bestial crimes. In this way, the German nation will erase some of its responsibility for the crimes committed".—Reuter.

TWO U-BOATS DESTROYED

LONDON, Dec. 17.

A Combined Admiralty and Air-ministry communique says "U-boats which were operating in the vicinity of Allied shipping in the North Atlantic recently were subjected to such relentless assaults by an escort group of the Royal Navy and by aircraft of the coastal command that the enemy was prevented from launching even one attack against two valuable westbound convoys.

During a series of attacks, His Majesty's ships under command of Commander P. W. Gretton in the destroyer "Duncan" destroyed two U-boats.—Reuter.

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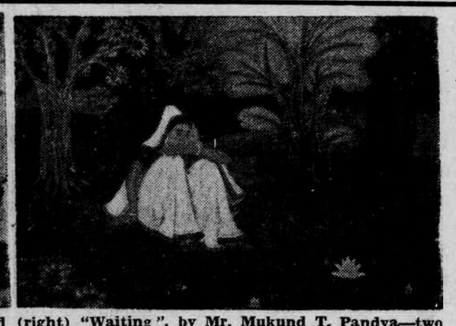


(Left) "Vrishabha-Daman", by Mr. Manu Vyas and (right) "Waiting", by Mr. Mukund T. Pandya—two interesting exhibits in the Gujerat Kala Mandal's Exhibition at the Cama Oriental Institute.

BERLIN BOMBED AGAIN

Over 1,500 Tons Of High Explosives Dropped

LONDON, Dec. 17.

British heavy bombers last night went through cloud and in the light of a low moon to give Berlin, the most heavily bombed capital in the world, another heavy assault. It was officially stated to-day that the attack was carried out by a strong force of "Lancasters" and that more than 1,500 tons of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped. Although not on the immense scale of the "saturation" raids during the week of November 22nd to 28th, last night's raid was as heavy as the previous attack by our big bombers on Berlin. That was on December 2nd when a similar tonnage of bombs went hurtling down in less than half an hour.

Berlin has now had twelve raids of over 500 tons and it is estimated that a total of over 16,000 tons of bombs has crashed down in 93 assaults on the city. 15,000 tons of the total have been dropped this year.—Reuter.

'INDIA IN ACTION' EXHIBITION

Anthony Gross's Tribute To Sons Of Hindustan

(By A Special Correspondent).

LONDON, Dec. 17

Battle scenes from the Middle East and Burma, showing Indian troops taking part in some of the fiercest engagements of the campaigns have been painted by an official war artist, Capt. Anthony Gross. His pictures have just been shown in London at an exhibition with the title "India in Action."

Capt. Gross was specially selected by the War Artists' Advisory Committee to depict Indian troops in action. He was with the men of the Indian Army at El Alamein, and he trekked through the jungles of Arakan and Assam to see the troops and the Naga and Chin tribesmen engaged in the fighting on the frontier.

His adventures now cover a wall of the National Gallery in a series of vivid pictures. They have been seen by visitors from all over England, giving in colourful sketches and striking scenes, a glimpse of India at war.

To get his pictures, Captain Gross faced as many dangers as the fighting troops.

Captain Gross also accompanied one of the R.I.N. ships on patrol work round the coast.

In Assam, Capt. Gross watched the Japs from a telescope. For weeks he visited positions along the 650-mile front. Once when cut off by the Japs he waited, patiently painting the countryside, until the hills were opened again.

BAR'S PRIVILEGES MUST BE UPHELD

Plea For Commons Committee To Watch Over Ministerial Activities

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Dec. 16.

The "Manchester Guardian" editorially suggests the appointment of a House of Commons Committee to watch over the activities of some Ministries including the India Office.

It makes this suggestion after reports from India of recent cases of detention under the Defence Regulations of two lawyers, Messrs Pardiwala and Baijnath and censure by the Lahore High Court of the Punjab Government for refusing to allow petitions from detained persons to reach court and the public accusation by a Justice of the Allahabad High Court that Rule 26 is being abused with a view to destroying the privileges of the Bar.

The "Guardian" adds: We have always said, whatever grievances Indians may have against our rule, we have provided them a pure and impartial system of justice. It is necessary also that such system should not only in fact be just but it should be seen and generally acknowledged to be so.

There is unfortunately no Committee of the House of Commons to watch these matters but there are individual members who feel strongly about them and should be able to bring them to the notice of the House.

Processions Banned In Nagpur District

NAGPUR, Dec. 16.

The District Magistrate, Nagpur, has issued an order prohibiting all processions, meetings and assemblies throughout the District until further orders.—A P.

Archduke Ludwig On Important Mission To Cairo?

LISBON, Dec. 17.

There is no confirmation here of a Stockholm report that Archduke Ludwig of Hapsburg has arrived in Lisbon 'en route' for Cairo on an important mission.—Reuter.

DR. PARDHY ACQUITTED

Charge Of Criminal Assault On Patient Fails

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The second trial which lasted four days, of Doctor Krishna Moreshwar Pardhy 68 year old Gynaecological surgeon which Justice Birkett said was "almost in a literal sense a matter of life and death for him" ended at the Birmingham Assizes yesterday in a verdict of not guilty. Dr. Pardhy was discharged.

At the last Assizes, the jury failed to agree after five days hearing. Dr. Pardhy had been charged with criminally assaulting under the guise of medical examination his patient 36 year old Mrs. Lucy May Pearson when her husband was sitting behind a screen a few yards in the same room where Lucy was being examined by Dr. Pardhy.

In the witness box Dr. Pardhy denied the alleged offence. He said he had practised in Birmingham for 35 years, had suffered from prostratitis for 12 years and at the time of the alleged offence was tired after performing six operations. He described the scene in the consulting room and said, he was engaged in the examination of Mrs. Pearson when she called her husband behind the screen and Pearson rushed and accused Dr. Pardhy of the offence which he at once denied. As the Pearsons were leaving the surgery Mr. Pearson drew some money from his pocket, jingled it and said "Mr. Pardhy, you are not a psychologist" Dr. Pardhy replied "I understand the psychology of patients".

Evidence for defence was given by Mrs. Irene Margaret Pardhy, his wife who said her husband had careless habits in regard to his dress. Evidence was also given by Doctor A K Pardhy Resident Surgical Officer at General Hospital, Birmingham accused's son and three other medical witnesses for defence including Professor Gangee from the Birmingham University who said, when he examined the accused prostrates was in an advanced stage. At the last Assizes a Jury consisted of five men, three women and the Jury could not decide on a verdict So a retrial was ordered. At the re-trial, the Jury consisted of seven men but one Juror under the direction of Justice Birkett retired as he was a special constable of Birmingham and the verdict was given by a Jury of six.

Immediately after the judgment Dr. Pardhy was given an ovation by a large circle of friends and admirers from the medical profession and students.

Muslims Demand Separate Electorates

A public meeting of Muslims was held at Kaiserbagh Dongri on Thursday night under the presidentship of Mr Chundrigar, M L A to demand separate election for Muslims for the Bombay Municipal Corporation. A resolution embodying that demand was passed among the speakers being Moulvi Fazlullah Mirza Akhtar Hussain and Mahomed Umer.

Savarkar Unable To Attend Amritsar Session

NEW DELHI, Dec 17

Dr. Savarkar informed the Mahasabha Executive that owing to ill-health he would not be able to attend or preside over its annual session at Amritsar.—A. P.

Liberals To Resolve Deadlock

MADRAS, Dec. 17.

The Rt. Hon'ble V. S. Srinivasa Sastri and Mr. T. R. Venkatarama Sastri will be among the delegates from Madras to the 24th session of the National Liberal Federation of India which will meet in Bombay on the 29th 30th and 31st December.

Mr. E. Vinayaka Rao, Secretary, National Liberal Party, Madras in a communication to the press says that many of the points urged by the Rt. Honble V. S. Srinivasa Sastri in his press statement of the 16th instant, and particularly the subject of resolving the deadlock will come up for consideration at the session.—A. P.

Mountbatten Back In Delhi

NEW DELHI, Dec. 17.

The Supreme Commander, Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, has returned to Delhi from a tour of the Arakan Front. He rounded it off by flying many miles over Burma to see the country for himself, says a press note. —A.P.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (MARCH)

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.

Previous Closing	19.57
To-day's Opening	19.58
Difference	+.01
To-day's Closing	19.54
Difference	—.03

STOP PRESS

REPEAL OF CHINESE EXCLUSIVE ACT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17: President Roosevelt has signed the bill repealing the Chinese Exclusion Act.—Reuter.

FIERCE FIGHTING IN SAN PIETRO

Fifth Army Captures Two Important Hills

Reuter's Special Correspondent at Allied H. Q. in N. Africa says:—

The New Zealand attack on the 8th Army Front was made near Orsogna. As a result of it, the "New Zealanders" strengthened their grip on Ortona-Orsogna lateral road. Fierce hand-to-hand fighting is going on between 5th Army troops and German Rearguards in the heavily fortified town of San Pietro just north of the Rome Road.

The 5th Army advanced a mile and captured two important hills in the region west of Filignano. In the northern mountainous extremity of the front, the 5th Army also advanced just south-west of Castel Van Vincenzo with the capture of additional commanding features. West of Venafro, German counter-attacks were beaten off.

"Flying Fortresses" yesterday aimed at the railway yards at Padua which is Italy's distribution point for traffic from Austria and the Balkans. At the same time, "liberators" in an effort to block the eastern line from Vienna and the Balkans bombed the bridge and tunnel at Dogna in the Alps, 25 miles north of Udine. No fighters were encountered at Dogna but the "flying fortresses" battled with 20 interceptors near Padua, shooting down three. All the bombers which were accompanied by long range fighter escort returned safely from both missions.

FR. TROOPS FIGHTING IN ITALY

French Troops are now fighting in Italy, it is announced here. They are in battle in the mountains on the Fifth Army front and have already taken several important heights in spite of stiff enemy resistance. The French troops include units which fought successfully in Tunisia.—Reuter.

MEHERALLY IMPROVES No Cause For Anxiety

BOMBAY, Friday.

Dr. Sumantilal Mehta has issued the following bulletin:

After a relapse a fortnight ago the condition of the ex-Mayor of Bombay Mr. Y. J. Meherally is decidedly improving. There is now no cause for anxiety.

MADRAS STUDENTS DELEGATION FOR BENGAL

MADRAS, Dec. 17.—As a token of sympathy with the famine stricken people of Bengal, the Madras Students' organisation had decided to send a delegation to Bengal to assist in the relief work organised by the Bengal Students' Federation.

The Delegation will leave Madras for Calcutta to-morrow.—A.P.

Barrister's Sudden Death In Judge's Chamber

CALCUTTA, Dec. 17.

Suddenly taken ill this afternoon while arguing a case before Mr. Justice Sen of the Calcutta High Court, Mr. Sudhir Ranjan Roy, a son-in-law of the late Mr. C. R. Das, and a well-known Barrister, died within half an hour in the Judge's chamber. Medical aid was promptly requisitioned but Mr. Roy passed away before it could be availed of.

The cause of death was diagnosed to be thrombosis of the heart. Mr. Roy was 57.—A.P.

RELEASE OF POLITICALS

(From A Correspondent.)

BARODA, Dec. 16.

Yesterday the Dewan of Baroda visited Mehsana Jail and released five political prisoners unconditionally

"FREED FROM WANT"

Bendre Captures Grimness Of Bengal Tragedy On Canvas

The exhibition of paintings by Mr. N. S. Bendre at the Bombay Art Society's Salon, Prince of Wales Museum, is his first and successful one-man-show. Mr. Bendre, who has a creditable record of achievements and who ranks among the front rank Indian artists, has risen to eminence by patience and perseverance in the pursuit of art. He has presented in this exhibition ample material of interest.

Mr. Bendre is gifted with a keen sense of colour and has developed a forceful style. One is struck with the richness and brilliance of colours in some of his paintings and with the accuracy and clarity of figure-work. The artist has painted some pleasant landscapes and succeeded in unveiling the beauty of seasons in a few of them. "Red and Green", "An Old Residence", "An Indian House", "A Vegetable Shop" and "A Vegetable Seller" are lively impressions.

Among the other paintings which arrest the attraction of the observers are the views of Benares, "November at Kashmir", "A Punjabi Girl", "A Peasant Woman", "Fish Bazar" and "A Cucumber Seller". Mr. Bendre has specially executed a painting "Freed from Want" for the benefit of the Bengal Relief Fund. The painting is fully expressive of the tragedy of Bengal. Its colour-scheme accentuates the effect of grimness of the situation.

D. G. K.

Chiang's Plea To Jailed Indian Leaders

'CONGRESS SHOULD END DEADLOCK AND SUPPORT WAR AGAINST JAPAN'

(FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Dec. 17.

To-day's "Daily Mail" publishes a message from its New Delhi correspondent stating:

"Marshal Chiang-kai-Shek has appealed to Congress leaders to settle their political disputes and enlist the support of their followers in the war against Japan. The appeal was made through the Indian Emissary who recently visited Chungking".

The 'Daily Herald' also publishes the following from its New Delhi correspondent:

"Marshal Chiang-kai-Shek, it is understood, has appealed to Mr. Gandhi and other Congress leaders to end the deadlock and give full support to the war against Japan. The Generalissimo holds the view that if India is a base for big operations against the Japs, the armed forces must not be handicapped by any domestic problems, and feels that before a large-scale offensive is embarked upon the famine must be solved."

AMERY TO QUIT WHITEHALL

It is learnt in lobby circles that Mr. Amery, Secretary of State for India, will leave the India Office sometime early New Year, H. E. Lord Wavell then releasing Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad for finding a basis for the formation of a National Government.

It is also learnt that the Viceroy will shortly be Indianising completely the Executive Council, Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar taking charge of Finance.

EIGHT JAPANESE SHIPS SUNK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The 8 Japanese vessels, whose sinking by American submarines in the Pacific and Far East waters was announced by the Navy Department to-day comprised two large transports, two large tankers, three medium freighters and one small freighter.—Reuter.

Roosevelt Returns To U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16

President Roosevelt has returned to the United States after his conferences in the Middle East.

The announcement of his return, did not disclose when or where he landed.—Reuter

'HABEAS CORPUS' PETITIONS

Referred To Larger Bench Of Lahore High Court

LAHORE, Dec. 17.

In view of important points of law being involved, Mr. Justice Mohammad Munir of the Lahore High Court referred the two 'habeas corpus' petitions for the release of detenus Ferozechand, editor of the now defunct "People" and Baldev Mitter to a larger bench for disposal.—United Press.

Jaiprakash 'Habeas Corpus' Petition Dismissed

LAHORE, Dec. 17.

The 'Habeas Corpus' application filled by Purnima Bannerjee against the detention of Jaiprakash Narain was dismissed today by the Division Bench, Lahore High Court consisting of the Chief Justice and Justice Sir Abdul Raheman.—A. P.

M. L. A. ON PAROLE

GUNTUR, Dec. 17.

Kallu Subbarao, M.L.A. Member, Andhra Provincial Congress Committee has been released from Amraoti jail on three weeks' parole owing to the death of his daughter —A. P.

RE-ARRESTED AND JAILED

MIRAJ, Dec. 17.

Babu Pachore of Sangli has been sentenced to two years and nine months' R. I. and to pay a fine of Rs. 150, in default to undergo six months' additional imprisonment, for being in possession of a pistol and some bulletins.

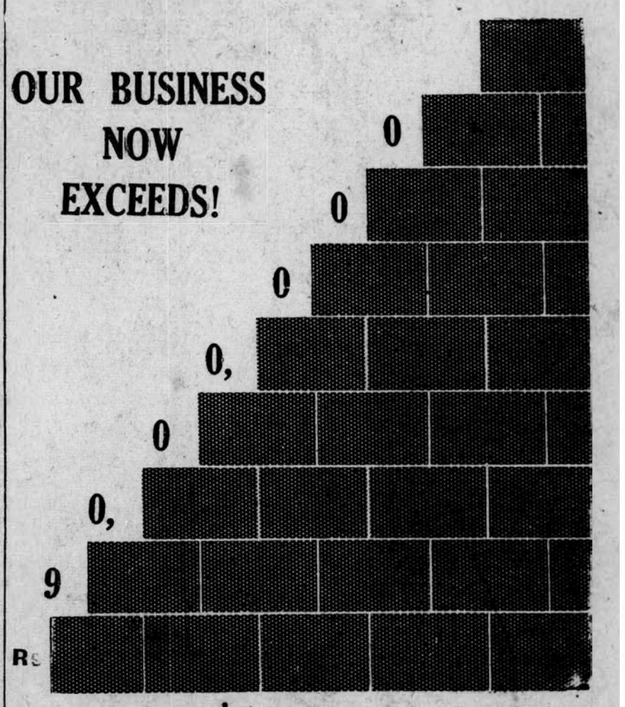
Pachore escaped from jail a few days ago, but was re-arrested.—United Press

Notice To Dealers In Watches And Clocks

NEW DELHI, Dec. 17.

A notification issued under the Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Ordinance in the issue of the Gazette of India dated December 18, 1943, directs all dealers in watches, including clocks, time-pieces, their spare parts and tools, to mark prices on all watches, clocks and time-pieces exhibited or intended for sale, says a press note.—A. P.

FIGURES which speak VOLUMES



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Indian And Eastern Newspaper Society's Discussions

BOMBAY, Friday.
The Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society held a three days' session at the Taj Mahal Hotel, Bombay, on the 15th, 16th and 17th December, with Mr. Devadas Gandhi, President, in the chair, at which the following members were present: Mr. Srinivasan (Hindu), Sir Francis Low (Times of India and Illustrated Weekly of India), Mr. H W. Smith (Times of India and Illustrated Weekly of India), Mr. W. J B. Walker (Statesman and Sunday Statesman), Mr. J. K. Cowley (Statesman and Sunday Statesman), Mr. C. R. Srinivasan (Swadesamitran), Mr. M. N. Cama (Bombay Chronicle), Mr. N. M. Cama (Bombay Samachar), Mr. Amritlal Sheth (Janmabhoomi), Mr. J. H. O'Gorman (Mail), Mr. S. Sadanand (Free Press Journal), Mr. R. N. Goenka (Indian Express), Mr. N. C. Ghosh (Amrita Bazar Patrika), Mr. S. S. Vasan (Ananda Vikatan), Mr. H. R. Moharay (Samyukta Karnataka), Mr. S. Narayanan (Andhra Patrika), Mr. K. Srinivasan (Dhinamani), and Mr. Asue De, Secretary.
Amongst business transacted, the terms of a fresh contract with representatives of Messrs. Reuter Ltd. were adopted after an exhaustive discussion, and the newsprint situation was reviewed in the light of the latest information received with regard to stocks at a meeting of the newsprint advisory committee held under the chairmanship of Mr. M. S. A. Hydari, Secretary, Industries and Civil Supplies Department.—A.P.

Selections For Today's Races

DANCING LILY POSSESSES OUTSTANDING CHANCE IN BARODA CUP

(From Our Racing Correspondent)
A moderate card has been drawn up for the fifth day of X'mas meeting, which is scheduled for decision to-day. The Baroda-owned Dancing Lily possesses an outstanding chance in the day's chief event, the Baroda Cup. Diamond Ring and Blenheim are greatly fancied in their respective events.
The following are my selections:—
1st race: Mubashir 1. Princess Marcelle 2. Zamana 3
2nd race: Gay Gallant 1. Square Deal 2. Keep Smilin' 3.
3rd race: Aftalon 1. Sabotage 2. Kirit 3.
4th race: Mehjabin 1. Osman Pasha 2. Passing Bell 3.
5th race: Big Joy 1. Necessity 2. Blue Water 3.
6th race: Diamond Ring 1. Marcheux 2. Nebuleux III 3.
7th race: Dancing Lily 1. Medallion 2. Orange Flower 3.
8th race: Blenheim 1. Indemnity 2. Mannawi 3
9th race: Royal Page 1. Sundial 2. Cobalt 3.
Dark Flukes: Lucrative and Masque.

MADRAS: The Madras Corporation Council at a special meeting last evening unanimously resolved to present a civic address to Sir Vijaya of Vijayanagram.—United Press.

"MUSKARAHAT AT CAPITOL"

'Nagad Narayan' And 'Bhaktaraj' Next Week

BY T. V. P.

"Muskarahat" released yesterday at Capitol by Janak Pictures and produced by Saubhagya pictures stars Motilal and Vanmala. The co-starring of these two eminent artists is perhaps the most attractive feature of the film whatever the other values may be. It has not much of a story but the photographic angles of scenes and persons are both fascinating Vanmala is perhaps at her best, taking into consideration some of her recent performances. She was seen in the same inviting way when she played an important role in "Lapandav" and "Charanon-ki Dasi" Motilal is satisfactory as usual. This may be regarded as a good picture to the credit of Dwarka Khosla.

Motilal in "Muskarahat" at Capitol.

TWO NEW FILMS NEXT WEEK

"Bhaktaraj" which will be the maiden picture of Jayant Desai under the banner of Jayant Desai Productions stars the late Mr. Pagnis and Vasantee with Dixit, Mubarak and Kaushalya in support and deals with the remarkable story of Ambareesh from 'Mahabharata.' It will be released at Lamington next Thursday.

Pagnis and Mubarak in a scene from 'Bhaktaraj' coming next Thursday to Lamington.

It is a pity that 'Nagad Narayan' did not secure a theatre in Bombay much earlier. I had opportunity to see its Marathi version a few months ago and I felt that there should be something like priority in the case of this picture. It is still topical as it deals with the topic of cornering kerosene oil by greedy merchants and refers to the trek from Burmah after Rangoon fell to the Japanese. But it would have been much better had it come earlier still. Baburao Pendharkar and Leela Desai have star roles in it and it is a New Huns production.

"KISMET" GOLDEN JUBILEE

Bombay Talkies' "Kismet" enters into the 50th week at Roxy from today. This picture is perhaps the most discussed of all their productions, and definitely the most productive at the box-office. Bombay Talkies have every reason to be proud of their several jubilee-makers. The Golden Jubilee of "Kismet" is a reassurance to all filmfans that "Chal Chal re Naujavan" is going to continue to the Mukerji tradition of popularity and success.

CURRENT FAVOURITES

"Wapas" at Krishna now in the third week is easily the best entertainment from among the recent releases, Boral's music and Bharati's attractive work being quite notable.
"Tansen"; "Ramarajya"; "Shakuntala"; "Prithvi Vallabh"; "Mahatma Vidur"; "Poonji"; "Hamari Baat" and "Sharafat" have settled down for quite good running. "Ishara" is being shown at Chitra from to-day.

Leela Desai and Baburao Pendharkar in "Nagad Narayan" coming to Novelty next Thursday

EDUCATIONAL REFORM IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Dec. 16.
The Government's Education Bill, the most far-reaching educational reform measure in Britain's history, was issued to-day. It provides for the school leaving age to be raised to 15 on April 1st 1945. Much heavier penalties for non-attendance—including jail for offending parents—are also included in the Bill.
Superseding all existing Education Acts, the Bill, which received its formal First Reading in the Commons yesterday, is expected to have its Second Reading debate soon after Parliament reassembles in the new year.

Gujarati Artists

The enthusiasm of the Gujaratis of Bombay to contribute their mite to the progress of Indian art is reflected in the Second Annual Exhibition of the Gujarat Kala Mandal at the Hall of the Cama Oriental Institute. The exhibition, which presents sufficient material of interest, has no charitable or competitive motive. The majority of the exhibits which number over a hundred, are Indian in style. They represent thirty-six artists including Mr. J. M. Ahivasi. In spite of the wide range of subjects covered by the artists, one feels the paucity of portraits in the Indian style.
Mr. Y. K. Shukla's two etchings "Ektaro" and "Toilet" are delightful exhibits. The group of paintings by Mr. S. K. Suraya introduces him as a artist of promise. Mr. Suraya strikes a refreshing note in his "Eighth August 1942". "Sap-Tali" by Mr. Sumant Vyas is noteworthy for the simplicity of technique. Among other interesting exhibits are found Mrs. Nirmala Desai's "Lover's Knot", Mr. Bhanu Smart's "Mother", Mr. S. D. Chavada's "Messengers", Mr. Dinesh Vora's "Gaja-Daman", Mr. M. P. Patel's "Rhythm", Mr. Mukund Pandya's "Waiting", Miss Shridevi Munshi's "Raksha Bandhan" Mr. Laxmichand Meghani's paintings of children's games and Mr. Manu Vyas' "Vrishabha Daman."

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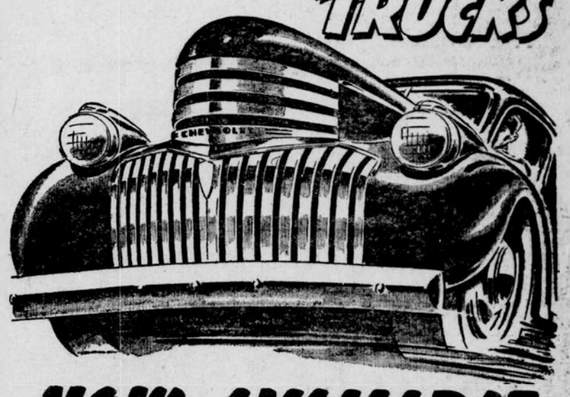
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To-day's Engagements

MR HYDARI FOR DELHI: Mr. M. S. A. Hydari, Secretary, Department of Industries and Civil Supplies, Government of India left Bombay for Delhi on Friday evening.

BOMBAY BRANCH ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY: Lecture on Upanishads by Mr. Chatterjee for Saturday 18th December has been cancelled.

W. I. HOMOEOPATHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: Western India Homoeopathic Medical Conference will be held at Dr. G B Patel's Homoeopathic General Hospital at Navasari.

NATIONAL WAR FRONT MAHIM: Bajri dishes demonstration at the National War Front Booth in Mahim Fair today at 5-30 p.m and tomorrow Sunday at 10-30 a.m.

PUBLIC LECTURE: Swami Madhavanandaji, General Secretary Ramakrishna Math and Mission, Belurmath, Calcutta, on 'Yuga Dharma' at 5-30 p.m. at Vanamali Hall Dadar, B. B. and C I Railway.

SHREE SHARADA SANGIT MANDAL: Bai Saraswatibai Fatarpekar will entertain the members of the Mandal to a concert of vocal music at 10 p.m. at the Anglo-Bengali High School Hall, Morbaug Road, Naigaum, Dadar.

A.-I PROGRESSIVE WRITERS' ASSOCIATION (Gujarati Section): Paper on "Psychology in Literature" by Sjt. Ramanlal Patel at 8 p.m. at Tardeo, Sonawala Building No. 8 Block D 4th Floor, Room No. 44.

BOMBAY MUSLIM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: A public meeting of the Muslim merchants of Bombay will take place tomorrow (Sunday) at 11 a.m. the Anjuman-e-Islam Hall Hornby Road, Fort under the auspices of this Chamber.

FREE SCIENCE LECTURE: Mr. R J. Tamboli will speak on 'Acoustics of Building' in the Royal Institute of Science, Ground Floor at 4 p.m.

COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 14 at 6-51 a.m. (B. T.) at Central Vaccination Station near Old Parel Tram Terminus and go round with them in the ward.

MALAYALAM DRAMA: Members of the Bombay Keraleeya Samaj will put on boards "Anarkali" in Malayalam tomorrow (Sunday) at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Don Bosco School Hall, near King's Circle, Matunga. The performance will be in aid of Famine Relief and the Free Reading Room and Library of the Samaj.

B. P. NATIONALIST TEACHERS' GROUP: A small library for the benefit of the members and associate members of the Group has been opened at the office of the Group situated at Shakti Nivas, Deochar Road, Matunga. Books from the Library will be issued free to members, and associate members of the Group and to the students recommended by either a member of the group or by the Secretary of the North Bombay Students' Union.

BOMBAY WOMEN'S HANDICAP BILLIARD TOURNAMENT: Under the joint auspices of the Byculla Y M C A and the P V M Gymkhana today at 5 p.m. Miss P H Adajanwalla (+10) vs. Miss Dadabhoy (—25) at 6-30 p.m. Mrs Mistri (—15) vs. Miss Brodie or Mrs. Reardon and tomorrow Sunday at 6 p.m. Miss N H Adajanwalla vs. Miss F Adajanwalla or Miss Zakkai and at 6-30 p.m. Mrs Cartner (—75) vs. Miss Brodie, or Mrs. Reardon or Mrs. Mistri.

When Journalist Meet Off Business

Quite a bunch of local journalists were present at the premises of the Journalists' Association of India on Friday evening. There was talk and there was tea and "off the record" narrative about his adventures in "sketching" by Radha, the cartoonist. The atmosphere was informal and everyone present enjoyed the hour and a half thoroughly.

Export Of Cloth From India

In the report, containing the interview to the Press by Mr. M. S. A. Hydari, Secretary, Department of Industries and Civil Supplies, Government of India and published in the "Chronicle" dated December 17, it was inadvertently mentioned, as stated by Mr. Hydari, that normally 6,000 million yards of cotton piecegoods were being annually exported from this country. The normal average figure should have been mentioned as 600 million yards.

Sixth Annual Lovji Cama Dramatic Competition

Annual amateur dramatic competition for the Lovji Cama Trophy at the New Empire Theatre (tomorrow) Sunday at 9-30 a.m. Eleven scenes, including an original sketch and several adaptations from recent novels and screen plays have been selected for the show by the Board of Judges from among 41 entrants to this competition. Mrs Mosley, Mr J B Wadia and Prof. Banerji will form the panel of Judges for this year's competition.

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BOMBAY CONGRESSMAN TRANSFERRED TO ARTHUR ROAD

Syt. Manibhai Gopalji Desai, Advocate, Congress worker of Bombay and Secretary the Seeds Traders Assn. Ltd., who was detained under the D. I. R. since January last, has been transferred to Arthur Road Prison, Bombay, for dental treatment from Nasik Road Central Jail.

NATIONAL WAR FRONT CONFERENCE

Under the presidentship of Sir Rustom Masani, the Provincial Leader, a Conference of the District Leaders and City Directors of the National War Front, Bombay, was held in the Committee Room of the Secretariat on the 16th and 17th December, when various problems concerning the Front's activities were discussed. Sir Cowasji Jehangir, Mr. Jamnadas Mehta and Mr. Hooseinbhoy Laljee also attended the Conference. The food problem was the main item on the agenda. The District Leaders put forward their viewpoints of their respective districts on the various aspects of the problem and it was resolved that certain recommendations may be made to Government for satisfactory working of the food policy of Government, such as appointment of committees to assist the authorities in purchasing grain from cultivators, use of standard weights and measures and freedom to move grain from one taluka to another after the supply of the necessary quota.

"TALK OF THE SUBURBS"

(By A Suburban Man)

Bandra Civic Guards headed by their Unit Commander Mr. M. L. Khan are holding an open air dance to-night (18th Dec.) at 9-30 p.m. at the Friends Circle at 8th Road, Bandra. The entire proceeds of this dance will go towards the Bengal Famine Relief Fund.

ELOCUTION COMPETITION: Over 50 entries have been received for the competition at 5-30 p.m. at Mazdaznan Hall, Opp Churchgate Station. The competition will commence on Monday. Mother Gloria, Mrs. H Flanders, Mrs. P. Dubash, Mr. H J B Chinoy and others have consented to act as Judges. Mother Gloria will preside.

R. M. BHATT HIGH SCHOOL: Silver jubilee celebration will commence today consisting of various interesting programmes extending till 26th instant. There will be meetings of present and past students on the 24th and 26th instant, respectively.

Mr K F Nariman, ex-Mayor of Bombay, will inaugurate Inter-School Elocution Competition today at 3 p.m. in Sir Chimanlal Setalvad Hall of the school, Parel.

TIP TO PHYSICAL CULTURISTS: "Well-built man of Bombay" (Mr. Bombay) will be selected by Prof. K. V. Iyer, of Bangalore, Physical Culture Expert of India at the Physical Culture Demonstration to be held on 1-1-1944 at St. Xavier's College Theatrical Hall at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) under the presidentship of Mr I. I Taunton, Adviser to H.E. the Governor of Bombay. The contestants may send in their names before 28th instant to the Physical Director the Modern Health Home, Vincent Road, Bombay 19, and be ready at the Hall an hour earlier for preliminary selection.

Inter-University Board's Next Meeting

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Dec. 16.

The next meeting of the Inter-University Board will be held at Colombo. Dr. Sachchidananda Sinha, Vice-Chancellor of the Patna University, has been elected Chairman of the Board for two years from 1944.

Dr. Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor of the Madras University, Lt. Col. Chatterjee, Vice-Chancellor of the Agra University, and Dr. Mahmood Hassan, Vice-Chancellor of the Dacca University, have been elected to represent Inter-University on the Central Advisory Board for a period of three years from October 1944.—United Press.

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The Bombay Chronicle

WANTED CLARIFICATION

Mr. Srinivasa Sastri has issued one more statement pleading with his usual eloquence for an early end to the present deadlock. The statement is rather rambling but it emphasizes clearly enough one compelling reason why a settlement cannot be further delayed without danger to India. That reason is that at the various peace conferences India should be represented by a delegation which must be "worthy to sit alongside Chiang Kai-Shekh and his party and compel attention to the wishes of the East, long repressed but determined, on the coming occasion to strive, to seek to find and not to yield." Mr. Sastri rightly points out that it is idle to expect "this superlative service to be performed by the nominees of the Viceroy counselled by his present advisers" and that only "a popular Government can choose our champions." He regrets it cannot be made constitutionally in time but feels confident it can be made popular in spirit. So far all Indians will agree with Mr. Sastri as also in his insistence on the "prerequisites" for all this, namely, "the release of political prisoners and detenus, general elections, the restoration of popular rule in the provinces which have lost it, and the change of personnel in the Central Government so as to reflect the renovated nationalism in the ranks of public life."

All this is profoundly true and has been stated over and over again in an endless series of appeals and protests. But Government continue to be obdurate. Mr. Sastri, however, tells us that our duty does not end with fixing on Government the responsibility for the deadlock but that, when our interests are at stake, we must take the initiative and get a move on. Agreed, but it is not clear what precisely Mr. Sastri wants the people to do. His nearest approach to a clear suggestion is the sentence in which he says: "Surely it is possible to devise a form of words which will not cast on Congress leaders responsibility that they have not incurred, and which will at the same time set in the clear light of certainty their intention to help in the winning of victory." If an assurance, like this were enough to bring about a settlement why was not one effected early after the war when Congress repeatedly stated that it was extremely anxious to help war effort and asked for real political power for the very purpose of ensuring maximum war effort by the nation? Why was the Cripps mission abruptly cut short when negotiations were near a settlement? The only answer is that the British Government did not want to part with power, and did not want any settlement except on the basis of a mere Indanised Executive Council responsible to the Viceroy, a basis justly condemned by all parties. Mr. Sastri himself condemns that basis when he wants a "popular Government that can choose our champions" or that can "reflect the renovated nationalism in the rank of public life."

However, if Mr. Sastri has in mind a basis for a settlement which he thinks will be acceptable to Britain and which he thinks is good enough for the Congress and the country in general, he will do a service by indicating it more clearly than he has so far done. It will at least set many thinking on constructive realistic lines. That will be more helpful than suggesting that Congress leaders are merely looking on through "injured pride' or notions of prestige when the interests of the country are in jeopardy.

Eden's Supplements

Answering questions in the House of Commons Mr. Anthony Eden made two statements which had not been referred to in his earlier report on the Middle East Conferences. Asked whether China was regarded in all respects as equal to any other great Power, Mr. Eden said: "The answer to that is yes—emphatically yes— we do." This reminds us irresistibly of the explanatory assurances which Mr. Eden has consistently had to give after Mr. Churchill had consistently omitted to mention China. And, despite those assurances, China was duly excluded from the Teheran Conference which, let us emphasize again, dealt not only with the war in Europe, but also with problems concerning the entire world after the war was over. There is, therefore, very little reason to believe that Mr. Eden's present assurance is more useful than its predecessors. In fact, it is noteworthy that Mr. Eden says nothing about China's exclusion from Teheran or about General Smuts' vision of a "Trinity" ruling the post-war world.

Another statement made by Mr. Eden related to Russo-American relations. He mentioned as the duty of the British "to lend all our strength and authority...to assist in the understanding between them (U. S. A. and Russia) .....This is very obviously a hint from Mr. Eden that, on the one hand, there is complete understanding between Britain and America and Britain and Russia but that, on the other, there does exist some misunderstanding between them" (U.S.A. and Russia) which the British will do their best to remove. This is a very interesting hint and the next move lies with Mr. Cordell Hull or M. Molotov or both.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Reactionary Campaign

A Stockholm report says that Archduke Ludwig of Hapsburg has arrived in Lisbon 'en route' for Cairo on an important mission. The report is unconfirmed and is quite probably, as we hope, incorrect. But it would by no means be impossible for the Hapsburg family to start working for the return and restoration of the dynasty to Austria. The Moscow agreement has granted Austria the right to separate independence. And that announcement has encouraged a great many reactionaries to try for the restoration of the monarchy in Austria as part of a general pattern of bulwark against progressive democracy in Europe. The attempt, therefore, deserves to be checked and defeated before it makes much headway. And we hope it will be defeated. We do not know the desires and intentions of the American State Department and the British Foreign Office. But Russia supported by public opinion in both the U.S.A. and Britain ought to be able to assert her influence decisively in favour of democracy and self-determination.

German Alarm

It should not be surprising if, as Cairo reports, the Allies' mass air assault against German air bases in Southern Greece has brought the 'stand out' order to German garrisons on the island front commanding the approaches to the Balkans from the Middle East and Turkey. As we said the other day, the particularly heavy raids, following as they did the Cairo and Teheran talks, must necessarily have acted as a sort of alert for the Germans, an indication that something definitely was coming. The Germans are, therefore, getting ready for it. Which also explains the intensification of their campaign against General Tito's partisans. The time is ripe for a blow from the Middle East all the more so because to-day General Toto's forces can render powerful aid to the Allied, but to-morrow they may get so badly mauled as to leave the Germans practically to concentrate all their resources against a possible invasion. An invasion in that case may become twice as difficult.

Let Her Choose

In answer to questions in Parliament about Mrs. Gandhi's health and the possibility of her release on grounds of health, Government replied that she was kept a prisoner in spite of repeated heart attacks in her own interests because she had a heart specialist always by her side to attend to her. We may concede that for various reasons Government are anxious about her health and medical attendance in prison. But it does not appear that her own wishes have been consulted in the matter. Rather Government have decided what is best for her, for is she not their prisoner, after all? But if health considerations are to prevail, she may be presumed to be a better judge of her own interests and given the option of release.

Adding Insult To Injury

Mr. Amery only added insult to injury when he stated in the Commons that an Indian seaman was paid a fourth of the wages paid to a British doing similar work because "the Indian does not do the same amount of work." For generations past Indian seamen have shown themselves thoroughly competent for their tasks. Their powers of endurance are known to be unsurpassed and, surely, enough work is exacted from them. They are given a low pay because of their colour and poverty. This was bad enough but Mr. Amery's justification of the injustice is an expression of race prejudice as well as insolent power.

Alike At The Core

Presiding over a conference of Indian Universities at Hyderabad, Deccan, Sir S. Radhakrishnan made a trenchant reference to Mr. Churchill's much quoted remark: "What we have we hold." With more than usual outspokenness he said: "If we fight for empires and race domination we fight on the wrong side. We fight for tyranny and we belong to Hitler." Many years ago Gandhiji remarked that often enough it was the coward that made a bully. If a nation allows itself to be held by another it will be held. If it refuses to be held and puts up a ceaseless fight for liberty, victory is a question of time. So will it be with India, Churchills notwithstanding.

Quite Like Them

The series of bans on prohibition meetings and conferences in Madras are characteristic of the autocratic nature of the present Government of that province. Having power to ban anything, they are using it, heedless of all sense of proportion. They know full well that their sabotage of prohibition is disapproved by all sections of the public. But they want to suppress that fact. That fact, however, shall not be suppressed. There are various ways of condemning Government's policy. Muslim and Christian institutions have already condemned it. Other institutions should do likewise so far as possible within the four corners of land. If people are united and determined to abjure liquor, no officials will be able to force it on them.

DASTUR DHALLA'S CALL TO PARSIS

Be Patriotic And Take Part In National Progress

BOMBAY, Friday.

Presiding at a lecture by Dastur Dr. M. N. Dhalla at the Cowasji Jehangir Hall this evening, Bombay's Mayor, Mr. M. R. Masani, speaking in Gujarati said:—"The world is undergoing rapid changes and the face of India is changing too. In spite of many obstacles, India is heading for freedom and democracy. The correct policy for the Parsis to follow would be the one that President Roosevelt referred to as the 'good neighbour policy'. They must learn to rub shoulders with Indians of other creeds on equal terms."

The Parsis, said the Mayor, were an advanced community. They were not a backward community like the Harijans or the Muslims.

"The Parsis, therefore, can stand on their own legs, without crutches in the shape of separate electorates."

Referring to the duty of the Parsi youth, the Mayor said that the world would belong increasingly to the young. It was essential that the Parsi youth should take more interest in the affairs of India.

Dastur Dr. Dhalla in the course of his speech in Gujarati said that the Parsis should not overlook the fact that after coming to India 1,200 years ago, they had adopted India as their motherland. They were not like the foreigners who came here for purposes of trade and left the country after amassing wealth. The Parsi community, therefore, could not afford to remain in the back-ground while the sister-communities forged ahead. It was their duty to be patriotic and to participate in the political, social and economic development of India.

The Parsis had given a lead to the rest of the Indians in the past. He referred to the services rendered by Dadabhoy Naoroji who was among the few Indians to take prominent part in the first session of the Indian National Congress held in Bombay.

The Parsi community, said Dastur Dhalla, was educated and progressive. If it moved shoulder to shoulder with the sister communities it need not be nervous of the future.

Mr. B. F. Bharucha and Dastur Framroze Bode thanked the speakers of the evening.

NO WAIVER OF NOTICE TO QUIT

Important Ruling Under Rent Restriction Order

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Blagden).

Baburao K. Pai and Another ..... Plaintiffs.
Versus.
Navnitlal C. Jhaveri .... Defendant.

The defendant was a monthly tenant of a property at Babulnath Road of which the plaintiffs, husband and wife, were co-owners at a monthly rent at Rs. 181. Pursuant to the Collector's order on appeal from the Rent Controller, the plaintiffs obtained from the latter a certificate to the effect that the premises were required by them for their own use and occupation. The plaintiffs then gave a notice to quit by the end of Vaishakh (2nd June) and on the defendant's refusal to do so filed the present suit for ejectment and for compensation for use and occupation from defence. The tenant raised two pleas, first that the Collector's Certificate was invalid and secondly that by accepting rent for Vaishakh and subsequent months the notice to quit had been waived.

Delivering an elaborate and learned judgment His Lordship held that the Collector's Certificate was valid though the proceedings went on before Mr. Taylor while the decision in writing was signed by his successor Mr. Faruqui because what it meant was not that Mr. Faruqui as an individual decided to issue a Certificate, but that the Collector of Bombay had so decided. His Lordship further held that an appeal did lie to the Collector from a refusal of the certificate by the Rent Controller and was of opinion that the male plaintiff alone, as one of two co-owners, was entitled to recover possession for his own use only.

With regard to the second plea raised in defence, His Lordship held that having regard to the provisions of Sections 112 and 113 of the Transfer of Property Act and the prevailing line of decisions in England that the acceptance of the amounts tendered by the defendant as rent for a period subsequent to the expiration of the notice to quit but after ejectment suit brought did not amount to waiver of the notice to quit, particularly where as in this case they have not been accepted as rent but as compensation for use and occupation. His Lordship was of opinion that the landlord having already elected by the filing of the suit, the tenancy can only recommence by the unequivocal agreement of both parties and not otherwise, and is not to be inferred by the mere acceptance of rent, and the absence in Section 113 of a proviso similar to the second proviso to Section 112 was meant to leave the matters entirely open to the Court to decide on the facts of each case whether or no such an agreement was to be inferred. His Lordship dissented from a decision of the Calcutta High Court in the case of Manicklal Dey vs. Kadambini (A.I.R. 1926 Cal. 763) to the contrary on this point which His Lordship felt was not a considered judgment.

His Lordship therefore held that the tenancy had terminated and ordered the defendant to deliver possession of the premises to the plaintiffs on 31st January and to pay compensation for use and occupation to the plaintiffs at Rs. 181 per month from 29th October.

The Advocate-General Mr. N. P. Engineer and Mr. M. P. Laud instructed by Messrs. Khunderao Laud and Co., appeared for the plaintiffs.

Mr. M. C. Setalvad and Mr. M. M. Gharekhan instructed by Messrs. Malvi Ranchoddas and Co., appeared for the Defendant.

No Tinkering With Dearness Allowance

AHMEDABAD LABOUR LEADER WARNS GOVT. AGAINST SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS IN INDUSTRY

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 17.

Sjt. Khandubhai Desai, M.L.A Secretary, Textile Labour Association Ahmedabad has issued the following statement in connection with the Government of India's proposals to limit the amount paid as Bonus and Dearness Allowance to the wage-earner.

A recent issue of the Gazette of India publishes a set of draft rules with a view to place a limit on the amount paid as Bonus and Dearness allowance.

PAYMENT SUSPENDED

As a result of this notification the employers in Ahmedabad have suspended the payment of the Dearness Allowance to the workers and payable on the 15th of this month. This suspension of the payment, I am afraid is going to have very serious repercussions in the industry.

The Ahmedabad cost of living index is higher by 228 per cent over the prewar period while the Bombay index is higher by about 140 per cent. The difference accounts largely for the apparently higher money allowance in Ahmedabad.

I am in a position to state very definitely that as a result of higher cost of living, real wages have everywhere fallen lowering the standard of life of an average wage earner. The highest dearness allowance paid is not in proportion to the rise in the cost of living.

NO LIVING WAGE

The Textile Labour Inquiry Committee in the final report has very definitely stated that most of the workers engaged in the textile industry in the provinces are not getting a living wage. High prices of textiles are responsible for higher cost of living. It is unjust to make an attempt to cut down the dearness allowance in an industry which has made such huge and unprecedented profits during this unfortunate war.

INDUSTRY'S HUGE PROFITS

According to my estimate, even after paying the so-called higher dearness allowance and bonuses, the Textile Industry in the whole country is likely to make a gross profit of about 60 crores of rupees this year. It will not be out of place here to point out that the total profits for the entire industry for the prewar period were approximately 5 crores of rupees on the total sale value of cloth worth about 60 crores of rupees.

It is clear from these figures that the gross profits of the entire textile industry for the year 1943 will be nearly equal to the total value of the cloth normally produced by the industry in the country.

At the present rate of Income Tax, Super Tax and the Excess Profit Tax, Government will easily take away more than 45 crores of rupees. The amount of taxes realised only from the textile industry is nearly equal to the entire military expenditure of the Government of India in the prewar period.

GOVT.'S RESPONSIBILITY

The Government itself is responsible for the higher cost of living for which the workers get dearness allowance. As long as the present cost of living index does not fall, the wage-earner is entitled to receive whatever dearness allowance he has obtained by trade union action and it is improper for the Government to interfere directly or indirectly in reducing the present quantum of dearness allowance.

I would urge both the employers as well as the Government to desist from the contemplated one sided and arbitrary action.

CAUTION TO WORKERS

I appeal to workers also to remain calm and restrain themselves from taking any precipitous action which might harm their interests I assure them that their organization is alive to the serlousness of the situation created by the proposed Government notification and will try its utmost to avoid the crisis.

EXPELLING INDIANS FROM S. AFRICA?

Mr. Kajee On Official And Unofficial European Attitudes

(From A Special Correspondent)

DURBAN, Dec. 17.

The view that the report of the memorandum of the Natal Municipalities Association was aimed at denying the Indian any rights in rural land-owning occupation, acquisition and occupation of land for commercial and industrial purposes, acquisition of landed property in urban areas for investment purposes and properties for residential purposes, was stressed by Mr. A. I. Kajee, Chairman of the Natal Indian Congress Committee, in a statement to the Press.

"The object of the report," Mr. Kajee said, "is to expel the Indian from the South African comity and force him into a straight jacket from which there is no release."

Mr. Kajee continued: "One of the main obstacles to South African statesmanship in its approach to the situation deriving from the passing of the Pegging legislation, is due to the presence on the European side of two attitudes which can be described as official and unofficial. The official attitude is that of the members of the Cabinet and is best expressed by the declarations of the Prime Minister himself. Whereas he was adamant in maintaining that Durban must be preserved as a European city, he was equally definite in his views on Government policy.

"At the side of this representative attitude there is the unofficial attitude of local authorities and political parties. That of local authorities, it is true, might be considered to be official in the sense that it emanates from such bodies as the Natal Municipalities Association but as far as national policy is concerned the declaration of members of the Cabinet must take first importance. The official view of the Government is marked by the recognition that the Indian community is a part of South African society and must be granted those rights which lie near the root of all democratic Government.

The unofficial view is marked by a denial of these principles. Whatever may be the letter of the Pegging Act, the spirit of it was that of a temporary measure giving time for Government inquiry and to test the good faith of the Durban City Council. At the same time it put an obligation on the Indian community."

ONLY SOLUTION

The memorandum mentioned above applied to the Government for a commission to determine the extent to which occupation or acquisition by Indians of land or sites for trading or residential purposes has taken place in predominantly European areas. It considers that the only enduring solution lies in an outright defining and setting apart of European and non-European areas within the urban area, both for commercial and residential purposes and it strongly recommended legislation to this end.—

STORY OF TAGANROG MASSACRE

Hitler Called For Rule Of Cruelty, Confesses Ritz Of Nazi Gestapo

MOSCOW, Dec. 17.

Radio reports of the Harkov war-guilt trial which was resumed to-day said that the Gestapo Assistant, Commander Heinz Ritz, one of the accused, admitted that he had put to death 300 Russian men, women and children. Ritz gave more details of German atrocities against civilians.

Replying to the prosecution, Ritz said that he knew about special exhaust gas "killing vans" used by the German Command, though he denied having used them himself. Ritz said he was in charge of a special company of S. S. troops whose job was extermination of civilians at Taganrog.

Speaking of one of his visits to Kharkov, Ritz said that he took part in the mass execution of Soviet citizens there. Major Hannebecker told him that the Germans were about to execute 300 Soviet citizens "who had expressed excessive joy when the town was occupied by Soviet troops". Ritz also said that women and children were among the executed persons.

Asked whether the German army in Russia observed International Law, Ritz said that there could be no question of international or any other law on the Russian front. "This lack of justice was the result of instruction from Hitler and his collaborators", Ritz said. The principal culprit is Hitler who called for rule of cruelty and spoke of the superiority of the German race. Ritz admitted that between June 5 and September 1, 1943, 3,000 people were shot in Taganrog and its neighbourhood.—Reuter.

All-India Badminton

PRAKASH AND DAVINDER IN TWO FINALS

Friday's engagements in the All-India Badminton Championships produced brilliant Badminton at the Bombay Gymkhana. While Davinder Mohan disposed of Gurpershad in two straight games, Prakash Nath experienced some difficulty in accounting for the veteran Lewis who put up an excellent fight against the Champion. The winners will meet in the final to-day. They also entered the Men's Doubles final. Davinder assisted by Lewis crushed the last hopes of Bombay by defeating the stalwarts Kanga and Rangnekar after a terrific struggle. The brothers Ashok Nath and Prakash Nath got the better of the Delhi combination, Charanjit and Jaini after a strenuous fight. So these two events have become an all-Punjab affair in their ultimate stage.

The Deodhar sisters had practically their own way in the Women's Doubles as they had in the Singles. They have also entered the final round of both these events.

MEN'S SINGLES SEMI-FINALS: Davinder Mohan beat Gurpershad 15-3, 15-6. Prakash Nath beat G. Lewis 15-14, 15-17, 15-9.

MEN'S DOUBLES SEMI-FINALS: G. Lewis and Davinder beat R. N. Kanga and K. M. Rangnekar 15-10, 10-15, 15-10. Ashok and Prakash beat Charanjit and Jaini 7-15, 15-2, 15-9.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES SEMI-FINALS: Miss Talyarkhan and Miss Dadyburjor beat Miss Chitale and Miss Chinoy 18-17, 15-10.

Miss T. Deodhar and Miss S. Deodhar beat Mrs. Lewis and Miss Anand 18-6, 18-5.

MIXED DOUBLES QUARTER-FINALS: Miss Chinoy and K. R. Lotwalla beat Miss Wagle and Shirke 12-15, 18-15, 15-11.

JUNIOR SINGLES SEMI-FINALS: G. Chandiramani beat B. D. Khandlekar 15-5, 15-0. Promod Nath beat D. H. Nanavati 15-1, 15-6.

BIRTH CONTROL

(BY R. K. PRABHU.)

It is to be earnestly hoped that saner considerations will prevail among the members of the Bombay Municipal Corporation and that they would by a large majority, if not unanimously, throw out the proposal, which a member of that body has introduced, to set up under Municipal auspices, a number of so-called birth-control clinics. With some of the welfare workers among the poor and middle class sections of the city's population as also with some members of the medical profession, it would appear to be becoming an obsession that the problem of "unwanted motherhood" can only be solved by resorting to artificial methods of prevention of conception after sexual indulgence, such as are becoming "popular" of late in some of the western countries. These zealous reformers, among whom there are some women too, appear to view the problem as an entirely biological one, ignoring the fact that sexual indulgence on the part of human beings at any rate involves the operation of moral forces. If human beings had not evolved beyond the level of beasts and birds birth-control among them, if deemed necessary, could have been secured without any other considerations except those of their physical health. But man is something more and higher than a mere beast and one has to take into consideration his moral well-being also when teaching him how to control conception even when he freely indulges in the sexual act. It is this vital consideration, to which the zealots of birth-control usually turn a blind eye, which made Mahatma Gandhi utter the following warning to his countrymen nearly two decades ago, a warning whose value should be viewed as even greater to-day when the conditions engendered by the war are everywhere shaking the moral foundations of society and tending to reduce man to the level of the brute again:

"Artificial methods are like putting a premium upon vice. They make man and woman reckless. And respectability that is being given to the methods must hasten the dissolution of the restraints that public opinion puts upon one. Adoption of artificial methods must result in imbecility and nervous prostration. The remedy will be found to be worse than the disease. It is wrong and immoral to seek to escape the consequences of one's acts. It is good for a person who over-eats to have an ache and a fast. It is bad for him to indulge his appetite and then escape the consequences by taking tonics or other medicine. It is still worse for a person to indulge his animal passions and escape the consequences of his acts. Nature is relentless and will have full revenge for any such violation of her laws. ..... A society that has already become enervated through a variety of causes will become still further enervated by the adoption of artificial methods."

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One of the plausible pleas advanced by the advocates of birth-control clinics is that in the case of a good many illiterate, sickly and helpless women of the poor and middle class the remedies for the prevention of conception which would be suggested by these clinics would effectively ward off the much dreaded "unwanted motherhood" thrust upon them by their senseless husbands and that all the sufferings resulting from such motherhood to the mother and the entire family would thus be prevented. No doubt, one comes across several such pitiable cases, but even in such cases one dares say that the greater majority women who come to seek advice could be persuaded by proper advice to prevail upon, or even to resist the "unwanted motherhood" thrust upon them by their husbands. Let the Municipality, if it deems it advisable, set up a number of advisory chambers, with educated and experienced women welfare workers in charge of them, to tender friendly advice to the women in need of such social service as above. As Gandhiji has often observed, what Indian women, especially those belonging to the poor and middle class, who today are helpless victims of early marriage and other harmful social customs, need more than anything else is education in the art of saying 'no' even to their husbands. Teaching them artificial methods of prevention of conception, while not making any serious effort to wean them away from, or to instruct them how to resist excessive sexual indulgence, would be on a par with the setting up of "schools for thieves", to teach criminals released from jails how to evade the police and circumvent the law when indulging in their unsocial practices, instead of friendly bodies to advise and aid them in becoming honest and useful members of society.

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One of the stock arguments of those who advocate the spread of the knowledge of artificial birth-control among the masses of India is that this country is sudering from "over-population", as evidenced by the figures of the last census, and that there will not be enough food to feed India's ever-growing population, if the rising birth-rate is not effectively checked. But is India really over-populated? Mr Neogy, exposed this myth recently when he compared the figures of increase of population in India with those of some of the western countries, not excluding Great Britain. The rate of increase is actually lower in this country in comparison with that of Britain. There are vast undeveloped areas, in this country which if properly tapped, would feed millions who are suffering from scantiness of food today. There is also too much of over-crowding in the towns. A well-thought-out plan of agricultural and industrial development on an intensive scale is bound to relieve the congestion in urban areas and secure a healthier distribution of the increased food resources of the country, so as to prevent any distress such as is feared through so-called over-population. The remedy of artificial birth-control can thus be viewed only as the product of a panicky brain, which refuses to see any further than the immediate needs of the hour.

PROHIBITION CONFERENCE BAN SEQUEL

MADRAS, Dec. 17.

It is learnt that following the ban on the North Arcot District Prohibition Conference convened for to-day which was to be opened by Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, the Secretary of the District Prohibition Committee is arranging to get up a mass petition for being submitted to the Government in this connection.—United Press.

MADRAS GOVT. GRANT FOR ANDHRA RELIEF

MADRAS, Dec. 17: In order to relieve the famine conditions in the Bellary, Anantpur and Kurnool Districts during the month of November, the Government of Madras sanctioned a total sum of Rs. 21,54,842 to the famine camps.

During the same month contribution of Rs. 10,000 was received from the Mysore Government.—United Press.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

Mr. Rhys Davies: "Does he suggest that one European can do the work of four Indians. And will he take some action to bring these conditions to an end?"

Mr. Amery told him that the problem of improving these conditions was being actively considered by the Government of India.

—Reuter.

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Mr. Anthony Eden has assured Parliament that the British Government is determined to extirpate Nazism and Fascism.

And we don't doubt Mr. Eden. One of the aspects of these two "isms" is that both represent a violent aggressive Imperialism of—the Have-Nots.

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Another assurance from Mr. Eden: "I was asked whether we regarded China in all respects equal to any other great Power with whom we deal. The answer to that is yes—emphatically yes—we do."

As "we" emphatically did at Teheran and as "we" always emphatically omit—sorry, do in Mr. Churchill's speeches.

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Denying any anti-Chinese discrimination etc. Mr. Eden added: "The abolition of extra-territoriality brought all that to an end."

Hong-Kong, too?

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"The Cairo Conference", Mr. Eden then affirmed, "had brought the Far Eastern war more sharply into its true perspective."

We agree. And it also brought more sharply into its "true perspective" the Far Eastern post-war.

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General MacArthur announces that Americans have landed in New Britain.

It was time they did. In fact, we were wondering when they would, considering that they landed in old Britain such a long time ago.

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It is reported from Cairo that Allied air raids on German bases in Greece have alarmed the Nazis who have ordered their garrisons to "stand out" on the island front.

Quite a successful practical joke. Splendid.

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Pa: "It's a terrible thing. I sold my car and mortgaged my house and land—all to send my son to the University. And all he does there is smoke, drink and take girls out to parties."

Pal: "Oh, so you're regretting it."

Pa: "Certainly. I should have gone myself."

"SAVINGS DRIVE"

National War Front Inaugurates Campaign

Speeches inaugurating what is known as the "Savings Drive" were made at a public meeting held at the Sunderabai Hall, Bombay, under the auspices of the National War Front, Sir Cowasji Jehangir presided, and among those who attended were Sir Victor Sassoon, Sir Chimanlal Setalvad, Mr. H. F. Knight, Mr. G. F. S. Collins, Mr A. D. Shroff and Mr. F. G. Saraiya.

Sir Cowasji Jehangir said that there were in India large numbers, may be running into millions, who are making much more money to-day than they were doing before, notwithstanding the higher cost of living. The war while being a curse for some had turned out to be a blessing for others. While they gained others suffered. Therefore, those who gained from the war had a special responsibility to discharge. He made a fervent appeal to this category of people to invest their surplus money in Government bonds.

He appealed to all classes of people who had a little money to spare to buy war loans.

Sir Victor Sassoon, who spoke next said that money saved now would have more value after the war. Inflation, he said was caused by shortage of ordinary commodities and by not buying now people could put a stop to the upward spiral of costs. He exhorted the people to buy Defence Bonds and War Loans.

LOTTERY BOND SCHEME

Referring to the Lottery Bond Scheme, Sir Victor said: "If you put Rs. 10 on a horse and lose it. It is gone, but if you put Rs. 10 on a Lottery Bond, you may get a big prize and if you are not so lucky, you will at least get your Rs. 10 back".

Mr. A. D. Shroff, said that to-day there was no safer investment than Government of India Bonds. They were well covered by national assets out of which railways alone constituted Rs. 800 crores.

Mr. R. G. Saraiya wanted all people to put their money in Government saving schemes. His slogans were "Save for Security and Stability and Save for the Brave New World".

Mr. Fazl Rahimtoola proposed a vote of thanks.

GANGADHARRAO ADVISED REST

BOMBAY, Dec. 17.—Mr. Gangadharrao Deshpande who is in Bombay was examined yesterday by Dr. G. V. Deshmukh.

Dr. Deshmukh who advised Mr. Deshpande to undergo an operation thinks that he should not do so in the present state of his health. He has advised him to take complete rest for two months more.

Mr. Deshpande stays in the city for two days more.—United Press.

King Of The Hellenes Greek Relief Appeal

Heroic Greece is suffering from starvation and all the horrors of occupation by a brutal and ruthless enemy.

Greece resisted Axis aggression in 1941. With the utmost gallantry, her little army drove the Italians out of the country, half-way across Albania, before Hitler went to his fellow criminal's rescue from ignominious defeat. Under the most appalling conditions Greece offered stubborn resistance, and by fighting gained for her Allies an invaluable breathing space.

Now Greece is suffering punishment. She has been systematically pillaged from the first days of the occupation and her food and material resources have been stolen from her with a view to making recovery impossible.

Greece's valiant stand forms a chapter as glorious as any in her proud annals, and it has earned for her the gratitude and admiration of all who are fighting for freedom. Will you not help this gallant Nation and rescue the mothers, wives and children of men who have sacrificed their all? The calls on your generosity are heavy but I am confident Greece in her dire necessity will not look to India in vain for help.

H. P. MODY,
Chairman,
Greek Relief Appeal.

INDIA'S ECONOMIC MACHINE FAST GOING OUT OF GEAR

Sir Purshottamdas Calls On Business Community To Be On Vigil

Presiding over the annual general meeting of the East India Cotton Association Limited, Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas warned the Indian commercial community to be continuously on the alert as there were indications of the economic machine of the country going out of the gear. He further suggested that they should not merely criticise Government's policy but should offer definite constructive suggestions based on their day to day experience in handling various economic details of the country.

Observing that the Government were distinctly unfair to the cotton grower, Sir Purshottamdas said:—

"In fact, what has happened is that they looked for the means to meet the inflationary tendency in the country in the wrong direction when they turned to raw cotton and overlooked the most obvious course of checking the inflationary tendency by preventing profiteering in cotton yarn and cloth. Even to-day, the margin between raw cotton and manufactures of cotton is so wide and unjustified that the Cotton Committee of the Textile Control Board had to complain about the same rather pointedly.

After complete cessation of forward trading for a period of 160 days, continued Sir Purshottamdas, the Government of India modified their policy and whereby permitted forward trading in new crop hedge contract under certain restrictions. The Cotton Committee on the motion of the representatives of agriculturists on that Committee, accepted the terms indicated by Government under protest that the ceiling and floor rates were very much on the low side. "There appears to be confused thinking on the part of those who seem opposed for the sake of opposition, and I wish to leave this question here and see how the experiment which is being made by Government to control cloth and yarn by controlling cotton first will eventually work out.

The economic fabric in India has undoubtedly been shaken very nearly to its foundation. There are many instances of this, but in the absence of an effective Legislature at the Centre with normal attendance of elected Members I do not know whether it would have been a service to the grower to stand out when the executive appeared bent upon making a certain experiment. I owe it to your Board to make it clear that their acceptance of the Government's proposals, with the protest that they have lodged, by no means implies that your Board are in agreement with the policy which has been adopted by Government. As practical men, since your Directors knew that the new crop had to be marketed, they felt it their duty not to expose the grower to the risk of steadily decreasing prices, without the protection of a hedge contract, as some might have liked them to do.

THREATENED SHORTAGE OF COAL TO THE GINNING FACTORIES

A problem involving serious inconvenience to the cotton grower, said the speaker, is the supply of coal to Cotton Ginning and Pressing Factories. There is threatened shortage of coal owing to various reasons and it is understood that a rationing scheme would be introduced under which quotas of coal would be relixed. I would impress upon the authorities concerned that priority supply of coal to Cotton Ginning and Pressing Factories is as essential as the priority supply thereof to other industries inasmuch as without coal supply to Cotton Ginning and Pressing Factories the agriculturist's crop could not be marketed and cotton could not be made available to mills which work on war supply orders.

In view of clear indications that the economic machine of this country is beginning to get out of gear, the commercial community in India must be continuously on the watch to the best of their ability. I suggest that what is required for the next few months if not years is not merely honest criticism of Government's policy, but definite constructive suggestions based on our day-to-day experience in handling various economic details of the country. I am fully aware that in several cases suggestions put forward by the commercial community may not be accepted forthwith, but if the correct constructive way is suggested, it may not be long before the Government see their mistake and put right their oversights. As far as the commercial community is concerned, I have no hesitation in saying that they owe it to the country to redouble their efforts to deal with the immediate need of the country, namely, the rehabilitation of our rural economy and the relief of acute distress wherever found, in a manner that would bring quickest relief."

The directors report and the audited statement of the account were put to the vote and carried unanimously.

REFORMS FOR CEYLON

Plea For Adequate Safeguards For Minority

COLOMBO, December 16.

During the last two days, the Ceylon Board of Ministers has been having discussions with the representatives of minorities in connection with the reforms scheme which is now under preparation by the Ministers.

The representatives of minorities who included some Indian members of the State Council, are believed to have urged adequate safeguards for minority interests particularly in the matter of representation in the Legislature.—A. P.

HUNGER-STRIKE IN BHOPAL JAIL

BHOPAL, Dec. 13.

The jail authorities permited Pt. C. N. Malaviya to have interview with Mr. Shakirali Khan, who is on hunger-strike in jail since 2nd instant.

Mr. Malaviya said that the condition of Mr. Khan's health seems to be very serious.

Sjt. T. D. Pustakey, the well-known leader of the Gwalior State, and others have advised Mr. Shakirali Khan to give up his hunger-strike as soon as possible.

CITY MARKETS

Bombay, Dec. 17.

SHARES: The Share Bazar continues uninteresting with routine business and prices do not show any marked change. Cotton Mill Shares rule comparatively steady while Steel Shares remain neglected. Tata Steel Dfd. Shares opened at Rs. 1,900 and declined to Rs. 1,893 while Ordinary Shares were quoted at Rs. 397. Bombay Dyeing Shares were done at Rs. 1,926 and Century Shares ruled steady at Rs. 976. Kohinoors changed hands at Rs. 612.

TEXTILE: Ahmedabad Advance 507-5 Appollo Xd 5-5-6, Bharat Mills 83, Bom Dyeing 1922-8, Cent. India 456, Century 979, Colaba 240, Dawn 1630, Edward Sassoon 795, Elphinstone 102, Finlay 329-8, Gokak 342, Hindustan 4100, Ind. Bleaching 227, Ind. Manfg. 4100, Ind. United Ord. 20-4, Ind. United Defd. 4 4-1/2, Indore-Malwa 1095, Khatau 398-12, Kohinoor 611, Laxmi 1700, Madhowji 27-2, Minerva 225, Model Nagpur 332-8, Madhusudan 535, Meyer Sassoon 234-6, Morarji 740, Mysore 270, New City 515, New Great 425, Phoenix 700, Podar Mills 412-8, Sassoon Spg. 31-8, Sassoon Silk 101-12, Sholapur 8895, Simplex 276-8, Svadeshi 589, Swan 310, Tata Mills 75-8, Shreenivas 403-12, Western India 3700, Vishnu 2610.

INSURANCE: Bom. Life 207, Empire Life 807-8, Oriental 5920, Indian Mercan. 90, Indust. and Prudent 38, Jupiter 28-5, New India 85, Vulcan 16-10.

HYDRO & ELEC.: Ahmedabad Elec. 202-8, Ajmer Elec 14-4, And. Velley Ord. 1875, Bom. Suburban 200, Bom. Tram Ord 143, Broach 13-12, Karachi 246, Poona 300, Surat 195-4, Surat New Rs. 50/pd. 70, Tata Hydro Ord. 200, Tata Power Ord. 1892-8.

BANK: Baroda Bank 142, Bank of India 225-12, Central Bank 87-4, Imperial P. P. 1972-8, Imperial P. P. 498-12, Reserve Bank 130-4, Union Bank 10-4, Habib Bank 87.

PREF. SHARES: 7 per cent And. Velly 1730, 6 per cent Bom. Steamer 340, 7 per cent Bom. Tram 68-8, 5 per cent Cent. India 731-4, 6-1/4 per cent Jupiter 19-12, 6-1/2 per cent Surat 193-12, 6-1/4 per cent Prem Const. 1st 136, 6-1/4 per cent Prem. Const. 2nd 135, 6 per cent Tata Iron and Steel 1st 221-4, 7-1/2 per cent Tata Iron and Steel 2nd 157, 7 per cent Tata Hydro 175, 7-1/2 per cent Tata Power 1780, 7 per cent Vishnu 785.

DEBENTURES: 4 per cent And. Velly 106, 4 per cent Tata Chemi. 241, 4 per cent Tata Power 108, 6 per cent Marsland Price 121.

RAILWAY: Ahmedabad Prantij 857-8, Cent. Prov. 109, Dhond Baramati 118, Gujerat 97, Hoshiarpur Doab 106, Mandrabhom 112-8, Mymensing Rebt. 105, Mymensing Gtd. 104, Sialkot Nerowal 125, Sialkot New 54, Sara Sirajganj 105, Upper Sind Light 116.

MISC. GROUP: Alembic Chemi. 350, Alcock Ashdown 575, Asso. Cement 226-8, Bom. Burma Old 430, Bom. Burma New 142-8, Bom. Steamer 660, Belapur 255-8, B B Petrol 3-3, Invest Trust 62-8, Prem Const. 230, Port Canning 103, Scindia 36-15, Shivrajpur 76-8, Tata Chemi. 30-2, Tata Oil 87-8, Tata Ord. 388-8, Tata Defd. 1892-6, Radio Ord. 500, Radio Defd 478, Wimco 321-4, B I C 6-7, Burma Corpo 3-11, Ind. Copper 211-1/2, Ind. Iron 34-8, Steel Corpo 27-2, New Victoria Ord. 10-12, United Com. Bank 70-8, Hindustan Com. Bank 61, Elphist. Pref. 213-1, Bradbury Ord. 350, Bradbury Pref. 555.

GOVT. SECURITIES: 2-3/4 per cent 1948 Loan 99-12, 3-1/2 per cent G. P. Notes 97-9, 3 per cent 1946 Def. Loan 102-7, 3 per cent 1949-52 Loan 100-11, 3 per cent 1951-54 Loan 100-2, 3 per cent 1953-63 Def. 100-15, 3 per cent 1963-65 Loan 98-6, 3-1/2 per cent 1947-50 Loan 103-6, 4 per cent 1960-70 Loan 112, 4-1/2 per cent 1955-60 Loan 115-8.

CORPO. DEBENTURES: 4 per cent B P T 1974 113, 4 per cent M Deb 1974 113, 5 per cent M Deb 1959 121, 6 per cent M Deb 1954 130-2, 6 per cent K P T 1956 134.

TAX FREE LOAN: 5 per cent 1945-55 Loan 106-1, 4 per cent Mysore 123-8, 5 per cent Mysore 1955 135.

BULLION: Yesterday London Gold was again unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar Sterling Cross Rate was 4.02-1/2 to 4.03-1/2 at London and 4.03 at New York. London Spot and Forward Silver Quotations were unchanged at 23-1/2d, and New York Spot Silver was quoted at 44-3/4 cents. The local market was quietly steady with a moderate business passing. In view of the recent heavy long liquidation lower levels attract some short covering. There being unduly wide difference between delivery and Spot quotations there seems more inclination to buy silver delivery business commenced at Rs. 110-10 and under improved buying and covering prices advanced to Rs. 112 and Ready business was done at a premium of Rs. 3 at Rs. 115. It is reported that those who are short are not issuing delivery orders. Gold delivery trading began at Rs. 68-6 and improved to Rs. 69-2 while Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 71-10.

The market was again offered with diminishing demand quotations eased off. Closing Quotations: Ready Silver Rs. 113-8, delivery Rs. 110-8, Ready Gold Rs. 71-4, delivery Rs. 68-12. Sovereigns Rs. 49.

COTTON: The local Cotton Market opened to-day at Rs. 467-8 and advanced to Rs. 471 on replacement buying by some operators. Later on there was some realising and prices steadied at Rs. 470-8. The market is getting divided into two groups of professional operators. Those who take a bullish view depend upon small arrivals of tenderable cotton while Bears believe that in view of anti-inflation move, prices will not advance to higher levels. Thus an interesting position is likely to develop.

Later on there was increased selling pressure and prices declined to Rs. 465-8. The market became nervous and January declined to Rs. 462-8. At this level the decline was arrested by covering and prices improved to Rs. 464. The market finally closed at 6 p.m. as under:

I C C January Rs. 464-8, I C C March Rs. 462, I C C May Rs. 464-4.

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton Contract January is below New York January 150 cent points at Exchange Rate 331.

PRODUCE: There being utter absence of any important buying the produce market was very quiet with quotations reaching low levels. Khandesh and Madras groundnuts ready are quoted at Rs. 80 Goa delivery was quoted at Rs. 15/9 and Bombay delivery stood at Rs. 15-2, Tone easy.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Dec. 16.

January 19.50—06, March 19.57—06, May 19.37—05, July 19.15—06, October 18.96—06, March highest 19.68+05, (10-28 a.m.) lowest 19.56—07, (2-56 p.m.) Middling Spot 20.44—04.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, Dec. 16.

January 19.62—14, March 19.74—04, May 19.55—06, July 19.34—06, October 19.00—03, Middling Spot 19.54—05.

NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL

New Rork, Dec. 16.

March 19.65, May 19.46.

MINIMUM PRICES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

	Minimum Price.
3 per cent Defence Bonds 1946	101
3-1/2 per cent Loan 1947/50	101/8
2-3/4 per cent Loan 1948/52	98
4 per cent Loan 1948/53	104/8
3 per cent Loan 1949/52	99/8
4-1/2 per cent Loan 1950/55	108/8
3 per cent Loan 1951/54	98/8
3 per cent Loan 1953/55	98
3-1/ per cent Loan 1954/59	103
4-1/2 per cent Loan 1955/60	112/8
4 per cent Loan 1960/70	108/8
3 per cent Loan 1963/65	95
3 per cent Loan 1966/68	95
3 per cent Non-Terminable Loan	80/8
3-1/2 per cent Non-Terminabe Loan	94

AMERICAN COTTON CONSUMPTION

Cotton consumption during November 859,000 bales against 846,000 in October, stocks in mills 2,389,000 against 2,204,000, in warehouses and compresses 12,936,000 bales against 12,264,000 and consumption of linters 110,000 against 117,000, while the number of active spindles was 22,623,000 against 22,599,000.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE LTD.

The market will remain closed for Christmas and New Year Holidays from Friday, December 24, 1943 to Saturday, January 1, 1944 (both days being inclusive).

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Dec. 17.

Tata Ordinary 388, Tata Deferred 1891-4, Indian Iron 34-6, Steel Corpn. of Bengal 27-2, Bombay Dyeing 1923-12, Central India 451-4, Century 973-12, Gokak 341-14, Kohinoor 612, Simplex 277, Andhra Valley 1875, Tata Hydro 200, Tata Power 1895, Associated Cement 227-8, Belapur 255, Bombay Burma (old) 427-8.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Dec. 16.

I C C January high 470/8, low 466/6, close 467/4, I C C March high 466/8, low 464, close 464/4, I C C May high 468/8, low 465/8, close 466/8.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay, Dec. 17.

Tata Steel Ord. (388/8) 389 88 86/8 88/8 87/8 88/8, Tata Steel Dfd. (1901/4) 1900 2/8 1890 97/8 93/12 95 92, Dyeing (1927/8) 1930 26 30 22/8 26/12 26/4 27/5 25 22/8, Century (977) 976 74 76 73 80 77 79, Kohinoor (614) 614 13 11 13 12 11, Swadesh (568) 586 87 89, Nagpur (450/8) 450/8 50 49/6 50/8 53/8 53 56, Simplex (277) 277/8 75/8 76/8, New Great (427) 426 25, Tram (144) 144/8 44 43/8 43, Cement (228) 228 27/8 26/8.

Women Of Madras Condemn Suspension Of Prohibition

MADRAS, Dec. 16.

A resolution condemning Government's decision to suspend Prohibition in four districts of the province, and urging the cancellation of the order was passed at a meeting of women under the auspices of the Women's Indian Association Madras Branch.

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari on the invitation of the chair addressed the gathering.—A. P.

REWARDS FOR RESCUE OF AIRMEN

BOMBAY: Rewards are offered for the rescue of airmen who come down into the sea around the coasts of India, says a Press Note issued by Squadron Leader J. V. S. Brooke, Public Relations Officer.

The rewards which will be paid through the local civil authorities are Rs. 100 for each person rescued alive and Rs. 50 for each dead body recovered.

SERVANTS' RATION CARDS

Complaints have been received by the Controller of Rationing, Bombay, that servants when they leave service are not given their ration cards by their masters. The retention of the servant's ration card by the master in such cases is illegal. The ration card of the servant must be handed over to him when he leaves service or if this is not possible, it should be returned forthwith to the nearest rationing office.

Increased Earnings For Railways

NEW DELHI, Dec. 16.

The Railway Standing Finance Committee met on the 15th and 16th December, under the chairmanship of Mr. Zahid Husain, C.I.E., Financial Commissioner of Railways, says a press note.

They approved of the advance allotments for general purposes stores, which have been found necessary primarily as a result of the scheme of rationalisation introduced by the supply department.

The Committee were further informed that:

(1) the total approximate gross earnings of all budget lines from 1st April 1943 to 30th November 1943, amounted to 115.43 crores which is 16.99 crores more than for the corresponding period last year and 20.45 crores more than the budget proportion.

(2) The total working expenses upto the end of September 1943 were 46.25 crores i.e. 13.40 crores more than for the corresponding period last year and 10.53 crores more than the budget proportion.—A. P.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

American Negro troops stormed the Beach Candy bath on Thursday morning—Local war news!

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From the House of Commons:

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 16.

Mr. Rhys Davies (Labour) asked Mr. Amery "whether he is aware that the wages paid to Indian seamen employed on British owned ships are approximately only one-fourth of that paid to Britishers employed on the same vessels and that the cubic space allowed to Indian seamen on those ships is approximately one-half of that allowed to the rest of the crew and will he take steps to remedy these anomalies?"

Mr. Amery replied: "If the comparison is between the wages of the ordinary Indian seaman and the fully qualified European able seaman or an efficient deckhand, the position is as stated by Mr. Rhys Davies. But the Indian does not do the same amount of work and there is accordingly great disparity in the numbers that have to be employed."

And, Mr. Amery, how do Indians FIGHT in comparison with the European?

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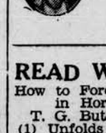
It is this sort of disgusting reply that undoes the work of decent Englishmen like John Colville and hinders the Allies war effort.

Textile Workers Demand 3 Months' Bonus

Workers of 52 Textile mills in the city have, under the guidance of the Girni Kamgar Union, served notices on the Government Labour Officer under the Bombay Industrial Disputes Act, asking him to arrange for the election of their representatives, to present their case regarding the issue of payment of bonus.

The Union has presented three demands, namely, three months' bonus, no conditions and payment in one lump. It has been suggested to Government that the matter should be referred either to a conciliation or to arbitration under the Industrial Disputes Act.

GANDHI ASTROLOGER



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND of Rs. 10|- (Rupees Ten) per share of Rs. 100|- each will be paid on and after 10th January, 1944, from 12-0 A. M. to 1-0 P. M. (S. T.) on Saturdays and from 12-0 A. M. to 4-0 P. M. on the other week-days.

By order of the Board,
VALLABHDAS DAYAL & CO.,
Secretaries, Treasurers & Agents.

Bombay, 17-12-43.
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NOTICE

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA
Bombay, the 17th November, 1943.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Principal Register and the Branch Registers of the Imperial Bank of India will be CLOSED for transfer of shares from Monday, the 3rd January, 1944 to Monday, the 17th January, 1944, both days inclusive.

W. LAMOND,
Managing Director.
7004

B. B. & C. I. RLY.

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, B.B. & C.I.Rly., Ratlam, will receive sealed tenders in English at his office at Ratlam upto 12 hours on FRIDAY, the 14th January, 1944, for the construction of 601 quarters of approximate value Rs. 5 lakhs at Freelandganj, Station Dohad.

2. Detailed Notice, Tender Conditions, and Form, etc., can be obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 5|-, which will not be refunded. Type drawings of the quarters can be seen in his office, in the office of the Assistant Engineer, Dohad, or the Chief Engineer, Bombay.

CHIEF ENGINEER,
B. B. & C.I. Railway.

Bombay, dated 14-12-1943.
(7172)

NOTICE

THE BOMBAY MUSLIM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

PUBLIC MEETING.

WITH A VIEW to explain the aims and objects of the Chamber, a PUBLIC MEETING of the Muslim Merchants will be held on SUNDAY, the 19th December, 1943, at 11 a.m. at the Anjuman-i-Islam Hall, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, when the presence of every Muslim Merchant is earnestly requested.

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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the following temporary posts likely to last for the duration of war in the Monitoring Section, Counter Propaganda Directorate, Department of Information and Broadcasting, Simla:—

(a) two Monitor-Translators on Rs. 150-10-200, to translate Persian broadcasts into English; minimum academic qualifications, B.A. with honours in Persian, M.A. preferred:
(b) one Monitor Translator on Rs. 150-10-200 to translate Arabic broadcasts into English; minimum academic qualifications B.A. with honours in Arabic, M.A. preferred:
(c) two Monitors on Rs. 150-10-250, to transcribe English broadcasts from B.B.C. and foreign stations; minimum shorthand speed, 130 words per minute, typing speed 50 words per minute.
(d) one Monitor-Translator on Rs. 120-10-200, to translate Bengali broadcasts into English:
(e) two Monitor-Translators on Rs. 120-10-200, to translate Hindustani broadcasts into English.

All the above posts call for a sound knowledge of the English language, as well as of current world affairs; in the case of (a), (b), (d) and (e), a good typing speed will be an added recommendation. Applications, with full educational and professional details and copies of testimonials which will not be returned, should reach the Under-Secretary, Department of Information and Broadcasting, Railway Board Building, Simla, on or before 7th January, 1944. Candidates must be prepared to come to Simla at their own expense for interview and test. Successful candidates will be required to work by day or night, as necessary."

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Typewriters Standard and Portable, Carbonpapers, Ribbons for sale. Repairs, Cleaning service, etc. Rate moderate. Consult Bhatia & Co., 236, Kalbadevi Road. Tel. 27792. 3307

For Sale. Remington Standard Brief size, Rebuilt Typewriter. Price Rs. 275|- nett. Box No. 3548, "Bombay Chronicle."

PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY
TENDER NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED and will be received by the undersigned upto 1 p. m. on the respective dates mentioned hereunder, at Old Custom House Yard, Fort, Bombay, for the supply of the following articles during the financial year, commencing from 1st April, 1944.

Schedule I.	Gum, Glue, Inks such as powder packets, superior liquid, Concentrated Blue-black, Rubber Stamp and Registration Inks, Duplicator and Printing Inks, and Red Inks, Carbon Papers, Ribbons, Stencils, Office Paste, Sealing Wax, etc.	21-1-1944
II.	Stationery articles such as (Steel) Nibs, Pencils, Pen-knives, Scissors, Pins, Pin Cushions, Rubber Stamps, Pads, Erasers for Ink and Pencils and typewriters, etc.	
III.	Textiles and Clothing material such as Long Cloth, Mulmul, Calico, Jaconette, Gunny Cloth, Kamblies, Sewing Threads, etc.	14-1-1944
IV.	Straw Boards.	
V.	Country Leather (Book-Binding) and Leather Covers.	
VI.	Packing Cases—Dealwood—for Stationery Office, the Government Central Press, Bombay, and the Yeravda Prison Press, Poona.	28-1-1944
VII.	Drawing Articles.	
VIII.	Bicycles and its accessories.	7-2-1944
IX.	Time Pieces & Clocks.	

Details of the articles showing specifications, quality, quantity, manufacture, etc., for which tenders are invited and the conditions of Tender, etc., can be obtained on application from the undersigned free of cost. Tender forms can be had on application from the office of the undersigned on payment of Rs. 2|- in the case of schedules Nos. I and VII and Re. 1|- each in the case of other schedules.

Tenders are invited from Indian Manufacturers and from importing Firms located in India. Tenderers must specify whether the articles tendered for are of Indian make or imported. As far as possible preference will be given to Indian-made goods.

The undersigned does not bind himself to accept any or the lowest tender nor to assign any reasons thereon.

P. B. ADVANI,
Director of Industries &
Central Stores Purchase Officer.

Old Custom House Yard,
Bombay, 6th December, 1943.
7197

BOMBAY-SIND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION invite applications from natives for the Province of Bombay by *15-1-1944* for

(i) four posts of *Subordinate Judges. Pay.*—Rs. 250 during probation and Rs. 275-15-380 (second grade), 400-20-520 (first grade) (Second Class), 540-40-700 (First Class). *Age.*—Not less than 21 and not more than 30 years (33 years in the case of Backward and Intermediate classes, including Muslims) on the *30th April 1944. Qualifications.*—LL.B. or a Barrister or a Pleader or an Advocate of the Bombay High Court with three years' practice on 30-4-1944 in a Civil Court in the Province of Bombay and knowledge of Gujarati, Marathi or Kanada.

(ii) the post of *Senior Marketing Officer for Cottage Industries Products. Pay.*— Rs. 500-750. *Age.*—Not more than 40 years on 1-4-1944. *Qualifications:*—A degree in Arts, Commerce or Science of a recognised university, *and* practical business experience of not less than 7 years of which at least 2 preceding ones must be in a position of responsibility in the export trade of cotton textiles.

Application form supplied on receipt of large addressed envelope with 3½ annas postage stamps and *uncrossed* Indian Postal Order for Re. 1 payable to the "Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission," Bombay, who will supply full details on request.

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NOTICE.

THE GOKULDAS CULLIANJI BARSI COTTON PRESS COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SIXTH DIVIDEND of Rs. 12|8|- (Rupees twelve and annas eight only) per share of "A" Capital and Twenty-Second Dividend of Rs. 2|8|- (Rupees two and annas eight only) per share of "B" capital will be paid on and after the 13th January, 1944, from 12-0 Noon to 1-0 p. m. (S.T.) on Saturdays and on other week days from 12-0 Noon to 4-0 p. m. (S.T.).

By order of the Board,
HEERJI OOMERSEY & CO.,
Secretaries, Treasurers & Agents.

Bombay, 17-12-1943.
(7207)

ROYAL INDIAN NAVY

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of Storemen in the Naval Store Department, H.M.I. Dockyard, Bombay.

AGE: Not above 25.
QUALIFICATIONS: Not lower than Matric.
PAY: Rs. 45-3-75 (E.B.)-80-5|2-105, plus usual Dearness Allowance.

Apply in writing, stating age, educational qualifications and full details of experience with copies of Certificates, to:—

THE NAVAL STORE OFFICER,
H.M.I. Dockyard,
Bombay.

(Closing date 27th December, 1943).
(7205)

NOTICE.

Wanted: Staff Nurses—Pay Rs. 60—5—100 p.m. each. Board Allowance Rs. 30|- p. m. plus Rs. -|8|- per day each. Uniform allowance Rs. 10|- p. m. and Dearness Allowance Rs. 12|- p. m. each, with free furnished quarters. Apply at once with copies of certificates to the Lady Superintendent, Lady Willingdon Hospital, Lahore. The candidates must be registered in the Punjab as general trained Nurses and Midwives.
(6636)

NOTICE

TENDERS ARE INVITED per head per day on a catering system for diets to be supplied to nurses and patients at the Tata Memorial Hospital for six months from 15th January, 1944.

The forms with particulars can be obtained from the office of the Superintendent, Tata Memorial Hospital, Parel, Bombay, during office hours, and will be accepted by 12 noon on Tuesday the 4th January, 1944.

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LEGAL NOTICES

SALE NOTICE.

Bai FATMABAI, wife of Escoffalli Ebrahim Peerkhan of Bombay has contracted to sell to our client Mr. ISMAL MAHOMED BATATAWALLA, the undermentioned property. Any person making claim of any sort against the said property is requested to notify the same to us within 14 days.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

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Dated this 16th day of December, 1943.

AMBUBHAI & DIWANJI.
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Dalal Street,
Fort, Bombay. (7204)

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF SUPERIOR QUALITY PERSIAN CARPETS ON THURSDAY, 23rd December, 1943, at 3-30 P.M. at the sale Room of the undersigned.

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On view two days before the sale from 11-30 A.M. to 5-30 P.M.

SORABJEE CAWASJEE & CO.,
123, Medows Street, Fort.

AUCTION SALE TO-MORROW SUNDAY at 10-30 A.M. (S.T.) Property of a European gentleman C. Williams and others at Babulal Mansion, Chowpatty Sea Face, of complete household and office furniture. Allwyn and Godrej steel almirahs, Remington Standard and portable typewriter, Singer machine, Elec. table fan, Godrej, Austrian and Milners fire proof safes, dining table, chairs, sideboard, cabinet, show cases, writing tables, dressing tables, Chesterfield sets, almirahs, bed with box mattress, etc. T. N. 40213.

EASTERN AUCTION CO.

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLEARED CARGOES OF THE B. P. T. DOCKS.

In accordance with Sec. 64 of the Bombay Port Trust Acts of 1879 and as from time to time amended under instructions from the Manager, Bombay Port Trust Docks MENESSE & CO., will sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY, the 21st December, 1943, at 2-30 p.m. at Alexandra, Docks (Sale Warehouse) 733 Tea Papers; Electric Goods; Cylinders; Hoops; Tubes; Hardware; copper circles and sheets; skins; pipes; 1318 bags clay; wire 1948 cases tea, etc. MENESSE & CO.

MISSING

Mr. PAUL P. NAVALKAR, our Power House Engineer, last seen in Bombay 30th September, 1943, is not seen again. We shall be thankful to anybody for sending us his present address or any information about him since the above date.

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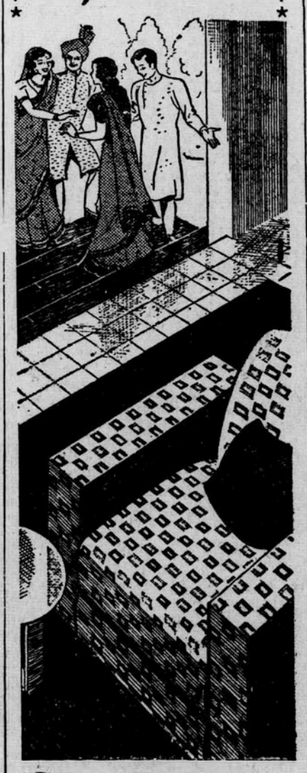

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